

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
GREENVILLE DIVISION

James Brandon Cass,)	Case No. 6:20-cv-01739-DCC
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	ORDER
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Deputy Skinner, Master Deputy Boone,)	
Master Deputy Brown, Lieutenant)	
McAlister,)	
)	
Defendants. ¹)	
_____)	

This matter is before the Court upon Plaintiff's amended complaint alleging violations of his civil rights pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. ECF No. 22. In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) and Local Civil Rule 73.02(B)(2) (D.S.C.), this matter was referred to United States Magistrate Judge Jacquelyn D. Austin for pre-trial proceedings and a Report and Recommendation ("Report"). On September 24, 2020, Defendants filed a motion for summary judgment. ECF No. 41. The Magistrate Judge issued an order pursuant to *Roseboro v. Garrison*, 528 F.2d 309 (4th Cir.1975), advising Plaintiff of the summary judgment/dismissal procedure and the possible consequences if he failed to respond adequately. ECF No. 42. Despite this explanation, Plaintiff has not responded to the motion.

¹ This caption represents the current Defendants.

On November 4, 2020, the Magistrate Judge issued a Report recommending that this case be dismissed pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b) for failure to prosecute. ECF No. 45. The Magistrate Judge advised Plaintiff of the procedures and requirements for filing objections to the Report and the serious consequences if he failed to do so. Plaintiff did not file objections to the Report and the time to do so has lapsed.²

The Magistrate Judge makes only a recommendation to this Court. The recommendation has no presumptive weight, and the responsibility to make a final determination remains with the Court. See *Mathews v. Weber*, 423 U.S. 261 (1976). The Court is charged with making a de novo determination of any portion of the Report of the Magistrate Judge to which a specific objection is made. The Court may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the recommendation made by the Magistrate Judge or recommit the matter to the Magistrate Judge with instructions. See 28 U.S.C. § 636(b). The Court will review the Report only for clear error in the absence of an objection. See *Diamond v. Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co.*, 416 F.3d 310, 315 (4th Cir. 2005) (stating that “in the absence of timely filed objection, a district court need not conduct a *de novo* review, but instead must only satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record in order to accept the recommendation.” (citation omitted)).

As stated above, Plaintiff has not objected to the Magistrate Judge’s Report. Accordingly, after considering the record in this case, the applicable law, and the Report

² The Court notes that several documents from the Court, including the Report, were returned as undeliverable. See, e.g., ECF No. 48. Plaintiff was specifically warned that it was his responsibility to keep the Court informed as to his current address. See ECF No. 16.

of the Magistrate Judge, the Court finds no clear error and agrees with the recommendation of the Magistrate Judge. This action is **DISMISSED** without prejudice pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b).³

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/ Donald C. Coggins, Jr.
United States District Judge

January 29, 2021
Spartanburg, South Carolina

³ The motion for summary judgment [41] is **FOUND as MOOT**.